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In re Application of)
ALTHOEFER et al.)
Serial No. 10/049,265) Group Art Unit:
Filed: February 11, 2002) Examiner:

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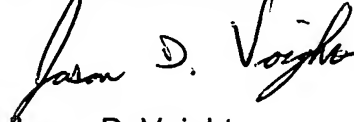
RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement of June 15, 2004, applicants elect Group III, claim 14, with traverse. Applicants have amended a number of the other claims to be dependent on claim 14 and request examination thereof. Upon a determination of allowability of elected subject matter over the prior art, applicants urge that the remaining claims should be rejoined.

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